

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Preference to ex-servicemen in employment**

1331. SHRI PILOO MODY:

SHRI RAMESHWAR SINGH;  
SHRI ABDUL REHMAN  
SHEIKH;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments were giving preference to ex-servicemen in the matter of employment to posts under them;

(b) if so, what is the number of States which have discontinued giving such preference partially or wholly;

(c) whether the ex-servicemen's Association in Bihar has protested against the State Governments decision to discontinue giving of such preference; and

(d) whether the Central Government propose to persuade the concerned State Governments to continue giving such preference to ex-servicemen in the matter of employment?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Most of the State Governments have provided reservations of vacancies for ex-servicemen varying 2 to 28 per cent for their employment in civil departments under them.

(b) Government of U.P. have reduced the quota of reservations of posts for ex-servicemen. Further, according to Press reports, the reservation of posts for ex-servicemen in Bihar has been abolished. Official intimation to this effect is awaited.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. The matter has already been taken up with the Gov- .'

ernment of UP. As regards Bihar, action will be taken up on receipt of further information.

**Promotions for Majors and officers of equivalent rank**

1332. SHRI PILOO MODY:

SHRI RAMESHWAR SINGH;  
SHRI ABDUL REHMAN  
SHEIKH;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a bottle-neck for promotion in certain ranks in the Defence Services especially in the rank of Majors and other equivalent ranks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that owing to this bottle-neck a large number of such officers are being treated as surplus because of lack of vacancies in higher ranks; and

(c) whether Government propose to arrange their absorption in other security services and managerial posts in the public sector undertakings and other organisations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) There was a significant increase in the intake of officers in the years following the 1962 conflict, which is likely to result in congestion of a large number of officers at the level of Major and Squadron Leader.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The entire matter is under consideration with a view to finding appropriate solutions.

**Extension of public ownership to industries**

1333. SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL:

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA  
REDDY;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to